

Millis Energy Committee

Veterans Memorial Building, Room 206

900 Main Street Millis, Mass 02054

Tuesday September 21, 2021

6:30 pm

AGENDA

Attendees: Tim Farrar, Jonathan Barry, Craig Gibbons, Tom O'Connell
Robert Weiss (Millis Economic Development and Planning Director/Energy Manager)
Peter Jurmain (Millis Board of Selectman)

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clyde Brown set to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Anticipating agreement signing on 9/27/21. ~15K annual savings. Mid-October start.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station program has provided access to grant funding. This would require Millis to approach \$25K spend to install charging stations to be awarded a \$50K grant to offset costs of charging station materials (2 head charging unit) and implementation. More information required to determine ROI.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Heat pumps

- General discussion regarding implementation and considerations of dual fuel or other based on optimal temperatures for Heat Pump effectiveness
- Robert to share links to information for posting on Committee Facebook pages and/or .org site.

Transportation survey

- Per earlier discussions, Robert is preparing a Millis transportation survey. Craig agreed to review and revise. Still pending.

Green Communities Competitive Grant

Competitive Grant Awarded for FY 2022

Update on Kickoff Meeting

- Projects targeted for completion before end of calendar year
- 7 items need signoff before work can begin

Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant (REPA)

Report recommendations discussions, continued.

MEC representatives to other committees.

Energy Issues from other committees.

- REPA recommendations included cross functional participation by members of the Energy Committee and engagement with other committees such as; Schools and PBC amongst others.
- Committee felt engagement in project based discussion may be more feasible based on the limited capacity of Energy Committee members to join other committees.

Net-Zero Energy

Continued discussion.

- Robert shared recent activity from various organizations and general status while proposing potential committee engagement with some emerging initiatives.

Solar Bylaws

Update on approved solar agriculture overlay district amendment.

- Still with legal

CONSENT ITEMS

- N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Tom O'Connell made a motion to adjourn

Jonathan Barry seconded the motion

Vote 4 in favor, 0 opposed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Proposed Next Meeting: October 19, 2021 @ 6:30 PM